

Honoring Women

Events around town throughout March, Women's History Month, pay tribute to the accomplishments of women

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March is Women's History Month, and a number of related activities will be held throughout the Portland metropolitan area.

A celebratory centerpiece is the 22nd annual Portland observance of International Women's Day, to be held March 9 from 10 am to 6 pm at Montgomery Park, at Northwest 27th Avenue and Vaughn Street in Portland.

International Women's Day events are organized by a nonprofit all-volunteer committee "dedicated to the celebration of women in Portland."

According to its mission statement, the IWD committee is dedicated to "going beyond cultural barriers and prejudices" and creating an "environment that is respectful, inclusive and supportive of the values and points of view of all women."

To that end, the day will feature a diverse array of entertainment, food, vendors and exhibits. Not surprisingly, while men are welcome, women take center stage.

Exhibits will include the Silent Witness Exhibit, a moving memorial to women in Oregon who have been killed by domestic abuse; the Clothesline Project, created by women survivors of abuse and violence; and Women and Their Work, which includes photos and stories of women in nontraditional careers.

Entertainment can be found on two stages, and will feature an African dance performance; the Portland Lesbian Choir; Latin song and dance via the Mambo Queens; Motherlode, a quartet performing acoustic contemporary folk music; Aurora Chorus; Judy Rose, piano and vocals; and Jane Doe, a guitar duo.

A day's worth of women's poetry readings is scheduled as well. Among those slated to read are Judith Barrington, Anne-Louise Sterry, Pam Crow, and a selection of "young women readers."

Additionally, health and environmental matters will be spotlighted. The YWCA Encore Plus and All Women's Health Services will provide a variety of health screenings and educational materials for women, and some local health care providers will donate their services by offering clinical breast exams, and glaucoma and diabetes testings. (Call 294-7413 to make an appointment for a free mammogram.)

The environmental room will include a discussion entitled "The Emergence of Eco-Feminism," about women in the environment; a photo exhibit; Circle Round, an interactive presentation with slides about Cobb, natural building initiative and design; herbal remedies; and women activists from Earth First! and Greenpeace.

Free parking, free child care and ASL interpretation are available. The facility is wheelchair accessible. Admission is sliding scale, and no one will be turned away due to a lack of funds.

For more information, call 650-7189, or visit IWD's Web site at <http://www.teleport.com/~iwd/index.htm>

Portland State University is honoring women throughout the month via lectures, conferences, workshops, performances and exhibits. Most of the events take place in PSU's Smith

Memorial Center at 1825 SW Broadway in downtown Portland.

The "Night of Bohemian Wonderful," featuring bands, singing, dancing theater, poetry and dramatic readings is set for March 7 from 7-10 pm at PSU's Littman Gallery, located on Smith Center's second floor.

On March 7 and 8, the "Embracing Midlife: A Menopause Conference," will take place in the Ballroom, also on the second floor. The keynote speaker is Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. surgeon general. For registration and fee information, call 203-9710.

Also on March 7 and 8, a "Children of Domestic Violence Workshop" will be held at PSU's Shattuck Hall, Room 212, at 1914 SW Park. For more information, call 725-3516.

From March 10 to 14 in Smith Center's first floor display case, you can catch a glimpse of the "Great Women in the History of the Northwest" exhibit, which showcases photos, artifacts and excerpts from books and diaries.

Other events include a "Women's Worship and Celebration" on March 13 from noon-1:30 pm in Smith Center Room 126, and a free March 14 noon concert by folk singer Theresa Demarest in Smith Center's Parkway Commons.



Motherlode

Sponsors of the monthlong celebration include PSU's Women's Studies Program and the Women's Union/Resource Center. For more information about any of the events, call 725-3516 or 725-5672.

In Other Words, a local women-owned and -run bookstore sponsored by the Women's Community Education project, a nonprofit organization, is hosting a number of events throughout March.

Writers and artists featured in *Present Tense: Writing and Art by Young Women*, an anthology showcasing previously unpublished art and literature, will be at the store on March 13 at 7:30 pm. Their work ranges from fiction to essay to poetry to an experimental fusion of genres.

On March 26, also at 7:30 pm, local writers Myra Lavenue and Rhonda Wheeler will read their respective contributions to *Early Embraces: True-life stories of women describing their first lesbian experience*.

The events are free. In Other Words Women's Books and Resources is located at 3734 SE Hawthorne Blvd. in Portland. For more information, call 232-6003.

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